

**Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
North Commons Park**

Meeting Notes

Commissioners Present: Matt Perry, Crystal Johnson, Tessa Trepp-Wetjen, Maria Sarabia, Jeff Strand, Ed Newman, Kenneth Brown, Doron Clark, Carol Pass, Latrell Beamon, John Finlayson, Tony Anastasia.

Commissioners Not Present: Ali Warsame, Marcea Mariani

Staff Present: David Rubedor, Carrie Aspinwall, Robert Thompson, Howard Blin

1. Introductions and Announcements

Commission members discussed the appropriate approach to facilitating the CoW review of the CPP Guidelines.

The Agenda was approved with the amendments of considering the June meeting notes, postponing review of the August notes, and adding an agenda item on policy issues related to updated CPP Guidelines.

The Committee considered the meeting notes from the June 8th and August 10th meetings. The meeting notes from the June 8th Committee meeting were amended to include language on page 2 under "Feedback Data" that the comments are not in priority order and do not reflect the consensus of the Commission. A similar amendment was suggested for the August 10th notes under the discussion on the CPP Guidelines. Both notes were approved as amended.

2. Revisions to the CPP Guidelines and Allocations Formula

Staff presented the proposed process and timeline for reviewing the revised guidelines which are intended to respond to the use of NRP funds in 2012 and 2013. The guidelines are, however, intended to apply beyond 2013. Committee members stated that the review by neighborhoods should be more extensive than merely sending a draft copy for review. Staff responded that engagement with neighborhoods will include three informational meetings in addition to meeting with a sample of all neighborhoods. Comments on the specific issues related to the guidelines were as follows:

- a) It was noted that the program purposes remain unchanged. It was stated that some in neighborhoods have the perception that the CPP does not fund brick and mortar projects but only engagement activities. Staff responded that had been the case but the new program will mirror NRP and allow projects.
- b) The Committee discussed the equity issue and the role of the NCEC in both serving to administer City Council actions and advocate for neighborhoods. Some commissioners asked if the CPP program could be used to address the equity issue.
- c) It was asked whether the Community Innovation Fund (CIF) could be rolled into the CPP in 2012-13. Staff responded that CIF funding would not be eligible during that period.
- d) It was stated that in Slide 6, under Assumptions, that the statement "All available funding for CIF and NIF for 2012 and 2013 will be rolled into CPP allocations" is misleading and confusing.
- e) Some Commissioners expressed support for including a program such as CIF which would allow bottom-up programming from the neighborhoods.
- f) The Committee discussed how existing NRP rules apply to the CPP program. It was noted that for the next two years it may be necessary to keep the rules in place. They should, however, all be

examined for how they apply to the new program. It was suggested that the guidelines include a list of eligible projects.

- g) Under Slide 9 “NIF and CIF” there was consensus that the focus of the program would still be on the three core program purposes.
- h) Under Slide 10, “Project Funding” there were no comments.
- i) Under Slide 11 “Relation to Existing NRP Plans”, some Commissioners agreed with allowing CPP funds to be used to continue implementation of NRP Phase II plans. It was thought this approach allows flexibility for neighborhoods and allows an opportunity to address the equity issue. Others disagreed with the policy.
- j) Under Slide 12 “Three-Year Funding Cycle Options”, a question was raised about the ability to plan for three years given the lack of certainty in funding. There was no consensus on funding cycles with a suggestion to review it again at the NCEC meeting.

It was suggested that the guideline be posted on Google Groups to allow Commissioners to continue to discuss the various issues.